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Honorable Edward J. Markey  
United States House of Representatives  
2108 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington DC  
VIA FAX

Dear Congressman Markey:

The International Association of Arson Investigators is pleased to endorse H.R. 4155, the Cigarette Safety Act of 2004 introduced by you and Congressman Peter King.

Cigarette fires are responsible for over 800 deaths each year, 22000 injuries and over one half billion dollars in property damage.

By adopting a national standard for fire safe cigarettes our nation can expect to greatly reduce these unnecessary fires. Our membership will stand in support and will work to help pass this life saving legislation.

On behalf of our officers and membership, thank you for your continued support of the men and women of the American Fire and Emergency Services.

Sincerely,

Stephen P. Austin  
Director of Governmental Relations

Cc: President Michael Schlatman, CFI  
Executive Director Alan Clark,